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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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SUBJECT: BANANAS: STANDARD FRUIT SHIPS

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 1987

1. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING STANDARD FRUIT SHIPMENT
OBTAINED FROM MANAGER MICHAEL ROTOLO. SHIPMENT DESTINED FOR
ANTWERP (108,000 BOXES) AND CASABLANCA (40,000 BOXES).

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LOADING NOT YET COMPLETED AS ADDITIONAL BOXES ARE TO BE

CHARGED AT PUERTO CORTES. HIGH PORPORTION OF BOXES
OBTAINED FROM INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS WHICH STANDARD SAYS ARE
IN DESPERATE SITUATION.

2. MINLAB FONSECA SOUGHT TO HAVE STANDARD LABOR NEGOTIATING
TEAM CHANGED. STANDARD DENIED REQUEST ON BASIS THAT
NEGOTIATING TEAM SIMPLY REFLECTS COMPANY POSITION AND CHANGE
OF PERSONS WOULD NOT CHANGE COMPANY POLICY.

3. COMPANY ESTABLISHING SYSTEM TO PROVIDE FOR LOANS TO ITS
WORKERS WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING PAY CHECKS. SYSTEM INITIALLY
ESTABLISHED FOR A PERIOD OF UPCOMING THREE WEEKS WITH FIRST
LOAN TO BE MADE MAY 10 OR 11. AMOUNT OF LOAN 40 LEMPIRAS
(U.S. \$20) PER WEEK IN LA CEIBA, 30 LEMPIRAS DCU.S. \$15) PER WEEK
AT PUERTO CORTES. STANDARD STATED THAT UNION NOT IN FAVOR OF
LOAN PROGRAM BUT STANDARD GOING AHEAD BECAUSE OF DIRECT
EFFECTS OF LOWSALARY UPON EMPLOYEES.

4. PRESENTLY NO DIRECT TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT ARE SCHEDULED.

5. COMMENT: THIS LATEST EXCHANGE WITH MANAGEMENT OF STANDARD
FRUIT GIVES LITTLE EXCUSE FOR OPTIMISM THAT PROBLEM OF SHIPMENTS
IS IN PROCESS OF RESOLUTION. CONCERNING LABOR CONTRACTS AND
LAYOFFS, GENERAL MANAGER ROTOLO STATES COMPANY WILL CERTAINLY
COMPLY WITH COURT DECISION SHOULD MATTER GO THAT FAR.
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